



# INSIDE 7 NEWSLETTER

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Dear Neighbors and Friends,

Over the summer months, our District has been at the forefront of many city issues, most notably with the Department of Public Works and the Flood of 2002. Although much of our District went through some trying times, I feel confident that we are moving forward and working to evaluate our current drainage system and how it can possibly be improved.

One thing that did come of this is the uniting of citizens in District 7 and across San Antonio to help those in need of basic necessities when all else was washed away with the floods. This outpouring of compassion and good samaritanism underscores what I have always observed as a community that reaches out to help one another.

We are moving forward and awaiting a comprehensive study from the Department of Public Works and it will identify recommendations and proposals to lessen drainage problems in the future. When my office receives information, I will communicate with each of the neighborhoods to update on our progress.

On a lighter note, we also celebrated Independence Day at Woodlawn Lake, the crown jewel of District 7. Although a few showers drizzled on us, all had a good time and it promoted the Woodlawn/Jefferson area and success in overcoming obstacles. Special thanks to former Mayor Lila Cockrell and the San Antonio Parks Foundation for their work in putting our annual event together.

On August 6<sup>th</sup>, San Antonians across the city participated in National Night Out. District 7 neighborhoods hosted more than 30 events where food, friends, family, and fun were brought together to highlight the importance of neighborhood involvement. I enjoyed visiting several gatherings in Braun Hollow, Braun Station West, Pembroke Estates, Loma Park, Jefferson, and Monticello Park and was disappointed that I could not make all of them. Once again, our neighborhoods prove to be Number 1 in community involvement!

I look forward to hearing more great things from our District. It has now been a year that I have been your elected representative and I sincerely hope that I have fulfilled my commitment to you and your neighborhood. It is through your involvement and input that we can work to improve our neighborhoods.

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**JULIÁN CASTRO**  
City Council District 7

## "OUR PART OF TOWN" TALENT SHOW WINNERS

On July 31, 2002, the Parks and Recreation Department, along with Councilman Castro and Time Warner, sponsored the "Our Part of Town" Talent Show in District 7. While all of the participants are winners, the following individuals were selected to represent District 7 at the Mayor's Finals on October 13<sup>th</sup> at the Lila Cockrell Theater.

Good luck to all of this year's winners and we hope to see everyone next year!

### 12 Years and Under

2 <sup>nd</sup> Runner Up	Demi & Justin Garcia
1 <sup>st</sup> Runner Up	Jacklyn Huron
Overall Winner	Ashley Simpson

### 13 to 19 Years

2 <sup>nd</sup> Runner Up	Crystal Arriaga
1 <sup>st</sup> Runner Up	Miguel Noriega
Overall Winner	Christine Ortiz

### 20 Years and Over

2 <sup>nd</sup> Runner Up	Joelynn Treviño
1 <sup>st</sup> Runner Up	Vanessa Alvarado
Overall Winner	Monica Cantu

## Congratulations!

## NANI FALCONE COMMUNITY PARK

August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2002 was a proud day for District 7 with the re-naming of French Creek Park to Nani Falcone Community Park. As reported in our last issue, we recently lost Nani and have missed his reassuring presence in District 7 ever since. As Nani was so active in the District and a proponent of the establishment of French Creek Park, it was second nature to re-name this park in his honor.

With the official ordinance passed at the August 8<sup>th</sup> council meeting, this became a reality. Present at the council meeting were friends and neighbors of Nani's, including Northwest Neighborhood Alliance board members Jodi Sherrill and George Bird along with longtime friend Larry Patin and Mrs. Patricia Falcone, Nani's wife.

A memorial fund has been established to defray the cost of a gazebo to be installed at a later date. Donations to the fund can be made to:

**Northwest Neighborhood Alliance Gazebo Fund**  
**7811 Valley Trails**  
**San Antonio, TX 78250**



(From left to right) George Bird, Councilman Castro, Larry Patin, Mrs. Patricia Falcone, and Jodi Sherrill

## National Night Out 2002

August 6, 2002 was National Night Out for communities and neighborhoods throughout America and San Antonio. Councilman Julián Castro, who always enjoys visiting neighbors and communities, mapped out District 7 in hopes of making as many events as possible. The evening was an overwhelming success, with new bonds and networks formed throughout communities everywhere.

Keep up the good work!

# "ASK THE COUNCILMAN"

**Q: Why are there budget cuts proposed that would remove jobs, reduce trash pickup, eliminate brush pickup and there are still high paying upper-level jobs at the City Manager's office?**

**A:** It is important to note that these budget cuts are proposals and specifics still need to be worked out to the satisfaction of the City Council. Throughout the latter part of August and beginning of September, each department will make presentations to the City Council through budget worksessions. Councilmembers will have the opportunity to examine each cut proposed and make recommendations about other alternatives. I am in favor of looking at other possible options before cutting jobs and reducing garbage and brush pickup.

Additionally, through the venues of two public hearings and by communicating your concerns to my office, your voice will be heard and represented at the Council. Thank you for your question!

**Send questions to [cadist7@sanantonio.gov](mailto:cadist7@sanantonio.gov) with "Ask the Councilman" in the subject line.**

## District 7 Launches Neighborhood Alert System

Councilman Julián Castro introduces his Neighborhood Alert System, a listserve system that members can send messages to Council staff, Councilman Castro, and other neighborhood leaders about various issues of District 7. This will be a forum for Council staff to forward zoning and council agendas to highlight upcoming items that need District 7's attention. It will also provide an additional resource for neighborhoods to exchange information or ask questions.

To join, send an e-mail message to [districtseven-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:districtseven-subscribe@yahoogroups.com) or call 207-2727 for further information.

## Boards and Commissions Vacancies (as of 8/20/02)

- Youth Commission (2 slots)-must be in junior or senior year of high school and reside in District 7
- Board of Appeals
- Home Improvement Advisory Board
- Mechanical Board of Appeals

**For questions about applying, please call Mariessa Sanchez at 207-2727.**

**The application is available at [www.sanantonio.gov/clerk/boards](http://www.sanantonio.gov/clerk/boards).**

## BRUSH UP OR PAY UP!

The City of San Antonio Code Compliance Department is carefully monitoring all neighborhoods this fall to ensure that all communities in San Antonio maintain the beautiful and attractive appearance we are known for. Their campaign, "**Brush up or Pay Up**" is intended to educate residents of San Antonio that unless a notice is received by the City, they are not to put any brush out on the curb. For any questions, please call Chris Castro, Administrative Constituent Co-Director at 207-2727.

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### Upcoming Events

## District 7 Staff

**Patti Puente**, Executive Secretary.....207-7044  
**Jessica Arevalo**, Administrative Director.....207-4052  
**Vivian Mangold**, Constituent Co-Director.....682-2723  
**Mariessa Sanchez**, Administrative Assistant...207-2727  
**Jennifer Cantu**, Administrative Assistant.....682-2723  
**Howard Mangold**, Administrative Assistant...682-2723

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September 3<sup>rd</sup>: Budget Public  
Hearing, Council Chambers - **7 pm**

September 7<sup>th</sup>: Health and Com-  
munity Fair, Sul Ross Middle School  
- **9 am to 1 pm** (free)

September 14<sup>th</sup>: Diez y Seis  
Guadalupe St. Parade, Plaza  
Guadalupe - **9 am** (free)

September 19<sup>th</sup>: Budget Public  
Hearing, Council Chambers - **3 pm**

October 13<sup>th</sup>: Mayor's Finals for Our  
Part of Town Talent Show, Lila  
Cockrell Theater - **2 pm** (free)